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1. COMMITTEE I: COMMITTEE I HELD A PURELY CEREMONIAL MEETING YESTERDAY TO INSTALL ITS TWO NEW CO-CHAIRMEN, INDIA AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE CO-CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD CHAIR ALTERNATE SESSIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP, WOULD FILE AN AGREED WRITTEN REPORT EACH FRIDAY MORNING WITH THE COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD DEBATE THEIR REPORT ON MONDAY MORNING. WHAT THIS ALL MEANS IS THAT VERY LITTLE TIME WILL BE ALLOCATED TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATING AT THIS SESSION. THE GROUP OF 77 WILL MEET FREQUENTLY AT THIS SESSION IN CONTRAST TO THE LAST SESSION WHERE PERU WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77 AND AS A MEMBER OF THE SECRET BRAZIL GROUP PREVENTED MEETINGS OF THE G-77. TWO MEETINGS A WEEK WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING ON-THE-RECORD, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE TIME WILL GO TO THE WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE A DEBATING SOCIETY. ALL OF THIS PROCEDURE IS QUITE DELIBERATE. THE  
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EXTREMISTS IN THE G-77 HAVE STRUCTURED THIS SESSION SO THAT

AT THE END OF IT, THERE WILL BE FIVE OR SIX WEEKLY REPORTS SHOWING OVERWHELMING SUPPORT, LARGEMLY FROM THE G-77, FOR IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE RSNT. IN THEORY, THESE REPORTS WOULD GUIDE THE COMMITTEE IN THE FINAL NEGOTIATING STAGE AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. OUR ONLY REAL DEFENSE AGAINST THIS PROCEDURE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE WEEKLY REPORTS REFLECT CLEARLY THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AS TO THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE POSITIONS ENUNCIATED BY THE GROUP OF 77. IN THIS NEGOTIATION, US OPPOSITION IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT CONTINUES TO REMAIN CLEAR THAT THE G-77 WILL NOT ADOPT THE TREATY WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THUS, WE ARE NOT HEADING TOWARD A CLASSIC G-77 RESOLUTION, AS IN UNCTAD FOR EXAMPLE. RATHER, THE G-77 IS SIMPLY USING THEIR NUMBERS TO EXERT MAXIMUM BARGAINING LEVERAGE. IF TIME WERE NO OBJECT, WE WOULD SIMPLY SIT STILL AND WAIT FOR THE MODERATES TO RESUME THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE G-77, AT WHICH POINT FINAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD OCCUR. WE MUST FIND A WAY TO BREAK DOWN THIS PLAN OF G-77. ISOLATION OF THE LEADERS (MEXICO, INDIA, TUNISIA, EGYPT, ALGERIA), OFFERING A COMPROMISE (NOW IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME), OR USES OF POLITICAL MUSCLE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ARE THE COURSES WE WILL EVALUATE.

2. COMMITTEE II: COMMITTEE II CONTINUED GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE OF THE HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. MEETING OPENED WITH LONG AND IMPASSIONED STATEMENT BY PERU, AGAINST HIGHSEAS STATUS OF ECONOMIC ZONE, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO US FIRMNESS, ATTEMPTING TO WOO SUPPORT OF LL/GDS IN RETURN FOR PROMISE OF ACCESS TO LIVING RESOURCES OF THE ZONE. THEME WAS REPEATED AND ELABORATED ON BY PRC AND ECUADOR. INTERVENTIONS IN FAVOR OF HIGH SEAS STATUS MADE BY USSR, FRANCE, SINGAPORE (ON BEHALF OF LL/GDS) AND OTHERS. NO REAL NEGOTIATION ON THE ISSUE YET. GENERAL DEBATE WILL CONTINUE WEDNESDAY.

3. COMMITTEE III: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DEBATE COMPLETED IN COMMITTEE AND SMALL GROUP NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN WEDNESDAY.

4. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BEGAN DISCUSSION  
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OF WHICH PROCEDURES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT CHOICE OF EACH CONTRACTING PARTY AND RELATIONSHIPS AMONG PROCEDURES. THERE IS WIDE SUPPORT FOR SIMPLIFYING THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ARBITRATION, ICJ, LOS TRIBUNAL, SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND SEABEDS TRIBUNAL WITH WIDESPREAD DOUBTS ABOUT THE SOVIET-BACKED SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND G-77 INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING ONLY ONE TRIBUNAL WITH CHAMBERS FOR DEEP SEABEDS AND OTHER ISSUES. PROCEDURES RECEIVING MOST SUPPORT WERE ARBITRATION AND LOS

TRIBUNAL. ITEM CONTINUES TODAY.

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